

REMARKS

The drawings have been objected to for the reasons set forth in paragraphs 2-4 of the Examiner's Office Action. As the Examiner will note, corrected drawings are submitted herewith and identified as replacement figures which incorporate the changes suggested by the Examiner. Thus, Fig. 1 is identified as prior art and Fig. 7 has been amended to show the thermal conductive film 55a, and the specification has been amended so that the expression "thermal conductive film" refers to element 55a in Fig. 7. Accordingly, it is believed that the Examiner's objections have been eliminated.

The specification has been objected to for the reasons set forth on pages 3-6 of the Examiner's Office Action. As the Examiner will note, all of the recommended amendments to the specification have been complied with in the present Amendment and thus it is believed that this objection has also been eliminated.

Claims 6, 12, 13 and 18 have been objected to by the Examiner for the reasons set forth in paragraph 6 of the Examiner's Office Action. As the Examiner will note, all of the claims noted by the Examiner have been amended to correct the inadvertencies pointed out by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is believed that these objections have been eliminated.

Claims 1-4, 7-11 and 14-17 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by EP 376721 (Sugihara et al.) Also, Claims 18-20 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sugihara et al. in view of U.S. Patent 5,551,283 to

Manaka et al. and EP 21225 to Kitamura et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

It is noted, with appreciation, that although claims 5, 6, 12 and 13 have been objected to, they are considered to contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if amended as suggested by the Examiner. As the Examiner will note, claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 5, and correspondingly, claim 5 has been cancelled from the present application. In addition, claim 7 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 12, and correspondingly, claim 12 has been cancelled from the present application. The remaining claims in the application are now dependent from either amended claim 1 or amended claim 7.

Accordingly, in view of the amendments made to the claims of the present application, it is now believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

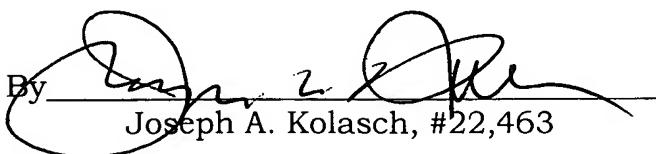
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mr. Joseph A. Kolasch (Reg. No. 22,463) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicants respectfully petition for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply in connection with the present application, and the required fee of \$110.00 is attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Attachments: Replacement Sheets (Figs. 1 and 7)